

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-230

William P. Norfolk House

7695 Southern Maryland Boulevard

Owings, Calvert County

1926

Private

Built in 1926 for William P. Norfolk by the Lyons, Gibson and Company, the William P. Norfolk House is an example of an American foursquare dwelling that served as the primary residence of a 117-acre tobacco farm. The foursquare was a vernacular residential building form that became widely popular on a national scale during the 1920s and 1930s. In Calvert County, the form replaced the two-story cross-gable dwelling, which had been the dominant form for rural residences and farmhouses in the county during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Other examples of this building form in the county include the Lloyd B. Gibson House (CT-206) in Huntingtown, the M. W. Gibson House (CT-243) near Mount Harmony, and the Richard F. Wable House (CT-356) in Mount Harmony. The William P. Norfolk House was built by the Lyons, Gibson and Company from nearby Huntingtown. The construction company built many similar dwellings and other buildings in the county between about 1905 and 1930 including the Joseph D. Lyons House (CT-196) in Sunderland, a house that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Set on a solid parged masonry foundation, the two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame American foursquare dwelling is constructed in the Colonial Revival style. The dwelling is clad in wide lapped weatherboard and a pyramidal pressed metal shingle roof with projecting eaves, a weatherboard soffit, a molded wood cornice, and bed molding. Half-hipped dormers with paired windows are located on three elevations, and an interior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap projects from the northwest slope of the roof. The façade, which faces southwest, measures three irregular bays in width on the first story and features an off-center entry. Windows on the facade are primarily single or paired 1/1 wood-sash. A half-hipped one-story, two-bay porch with square balusters and supported by tapered Tuscan wood posts extends the full width of the façade. Also present is a two-story oriel window on the southeast elevation and a two-story porch on the rear elevation. Associated with the dwelling are two tobacco barns, one dating to the second quarter of the 20th century and the other dating to circa 1926, a circa 1926 corn crib, and a circa 1940 shed.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic William P. Norfolk House

other

2. Location

street and number	7695 Southern Maryland Boulevard	not for publication
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city, town	Owings	vicinity
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county Calvert

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name DIM-HAV-VIC Parntership

street and number	PO Box 151	telephone	Unknown
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city, town	Dunkirk	state	MD	zip code	20754-0151
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 10:119

city, town	Pr. Frederick	liber	ABE 471	folio	1603
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count	
						Contributing	Noncontributing
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				<input type="checkbox"/>	vacant/not in use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>	other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
						1	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING. The William P. Norfolk House at 7695 Southern Maryland Boulevard is located on the east side of Southern Maryland Boulevard (Route 4) between the rural communities of Chaneyville and Sunderland. Situated on a sloping lot, the William P. Norfolk House is surrounded by open agricultural fields on three sides and faces Southern Maryland Boulevard immediately to the southwest. The lot features a grassy yard, mature trees and shrubs, and foundation plantings. The house is approached by a dirt drive that runs from Southern Maryland Boulevard along the southeast elevation. The remains of the original paved drive are visible between the current drive and the house, directly adjacent to Southern Maryland Boulevard. The rural property also features a chain-link fence completely surrounding it and two historic outbuildings to the southeast, a shed and a corncrib. The two tobacco barns, located further to the southeast, were historically associated with the house but are now on a separate parcel.

PRIMARY RESOURCE. Set on a solid parged masonry foundation, the two-and-a-half-story, wood-frame American foursquare dwelling is constructed in the Colonial Revival style. Constructed in 1926, the dwelling is clad in wide lapped weatherboard and a pyramidal pressed metal shingle roof with projecting eaves, a weatherboard soffit, a molded wood cornice, and bed molding. Half-hipped dormers with paired windows are located on three elevations and an interior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap projects from the northwest slope of the roof. The façade, which faces southwest, measures three irregular bays in width on the first story and features an off-center single-leaf entry. The entry has a molded entablature with a blank frieze. Paired 1/1 wood-sash windows pierce the second story, while a single 1/1 wood-sash window and a pair of 1/1 wood-sash windows flank the main entry. The façade dormer has paired 2/2 wood-sash windows. Each window is detailed with an unmitered and unmolded wood surround with a projecting sill. A half-hipped one-story, two-bay porch with square balusters and supported by tapered Tuscan wood posts extends the full width of the façade. A two-story off-center oriel window bay projects from the southeast elevation, while a two-story half-hipped porch projects from the northeast elevation (rear). The rear porch is partially enclosed on the first story. Other notable features include wood corner boards and a partially above-ground basement with three-light windows.

SECONDARY RESOURCES. Four agricultural outbuildings are located southeast of the house. The one-story wood-frame shed, constructed circa 1940, is set on a solid concrete-block foundation. The building features flush vertical board cladding, a shed-roof clad in v-crimp metal and exposed rafters. South of the shed is a one-story, wood-frame corn crib, built circa 1926. It sits on a concrete-block pier foundation, is clad in flush vertical board siding with open slats, and has a front-gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal. The building features a projecting gable and eaves. South of the corn crib, now on a separate parcel, is the oldest of the two tobacco barns historically associated with the property. The wood-frame barn, constructed during the second quarter of the 19th century, was moved to its current location prior to the widening of Southern Maryland Boulevard (Route 4) in the 1960s. (1) The barn is constructed of hewn members with mortise and tenon joints secured with trunnels. (2) The barn rests on a pier foundation, is clad in flush vertical wood siding, and has an asymmetrical gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. There is a shed addition with a solid concrete-block foundation and 6/6 wood-sash windows on the southeast elevation. The barn has side-hinged air doors and narrow pedestrian doors affixed with wrought loop-end strap hinges. Northeast of this tobacco barn is a newer wood-frame tobacco barn constructed circa 1926. It has a solid, partially above-ground concrete-block foundation, flush vertical board cladding, and a gable roof sheathed in v-crimp metal sheets. The barn has side-hinged air doors, an interior concrete-block chimney and a shed-roof addition for large vehicle storage on the southeast elevation.

ENDNOTES

(1) "William Norfolk Farm," CT-230. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historic Trust, Crownsville, MD.

(2) The interior of the barn was not investigated during this survey. "William Norfolk Farm," CT-230. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historic Trust, Crownsville, MD.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
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Specific dates	1926	Architect/Builder	Lyons and Gibson
Construction dates	1926		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY. Built in 1926 for William P. Norfolk by the Lyons, Gibson and Company, the William P. Norfolk House is an example of a vernacular American foursquare dwelling, which served as the primary residence for a tobacco farm that once included 117 acres. (1) The foursquare was a vernacular residential building form that became widely popular on a national scale during the 1920s and 1930s. In Calvert County, the form replaced the two-story cross-gable dwelling, which had been the dominant form for rural residences and farmhouses in the county during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Other examples of this building form in the county include the Lloyd B. Gibson House (CT-206) in Huntingtown, the M. W. Gibson House (CT-243) near Mount Harmony, and the Richard F. Wable House (CT-356) in Mount Harmony. The Lyons, Gibson and Company, in nearby Huntingtown, built many similar dwellings and other buildings in the county between about 1905 and 1930 including the Joseph D. Lyons House (CT-196) in Sunderland, a house that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. (2)

HISTORY. William P. Norfolk acquired a 117-acre tract of land in 1914 on which he cultivated tobacco and corn. (3) In 1926 Norfolk retained the milling and construction firm of Lyons, Gibson and Company of Huntingtown to erect a dwelling on his property. The principals of the company were Joseph D. Lyons (b. c1882) and Gordon B. Gibson (b. c1883), both of whom were professional carpenters by trade. (4) The lumber used in the construction of the house was said to have been milled and prepared on site. (5) Norfolk helped to build the house with his own labor, and also built the circa 1926 tobacco barn, corn crib and shed. (6) The older tobacco barn previously associated with the property was moved to its current location sometime before the widening of Southern Maryland Boulevard (Route 4). (7)

ENDNOTES

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(2) "Joseph D. Lyons House," CT-196. United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

(3) "William P. Norfolk." Unpublished survey notes. CT-230, Historic Property Vertical Files. Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, Prince Frederick, MD.

(4) United States Federal Census, 1930.

(5) "William Norfolk Farm," CT-230. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland

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(7) "William Norfolk Farm," CT-230. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historic Trust, Crownsville, MD.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.6 Acres

Acreage of historical setting 117 Acres

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The William P. Norfolk House is located at 7695 Southern Maryland Boulevard in Owings, Maryland. It has been associated with Tax Map 10, Parcel 119 since its construction in 1926. The current deeds to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederic: Deed Books ABE 465, Page 445 and ABE 471, Page 603..

11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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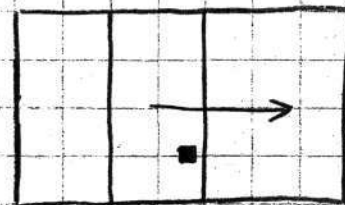
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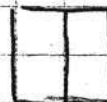


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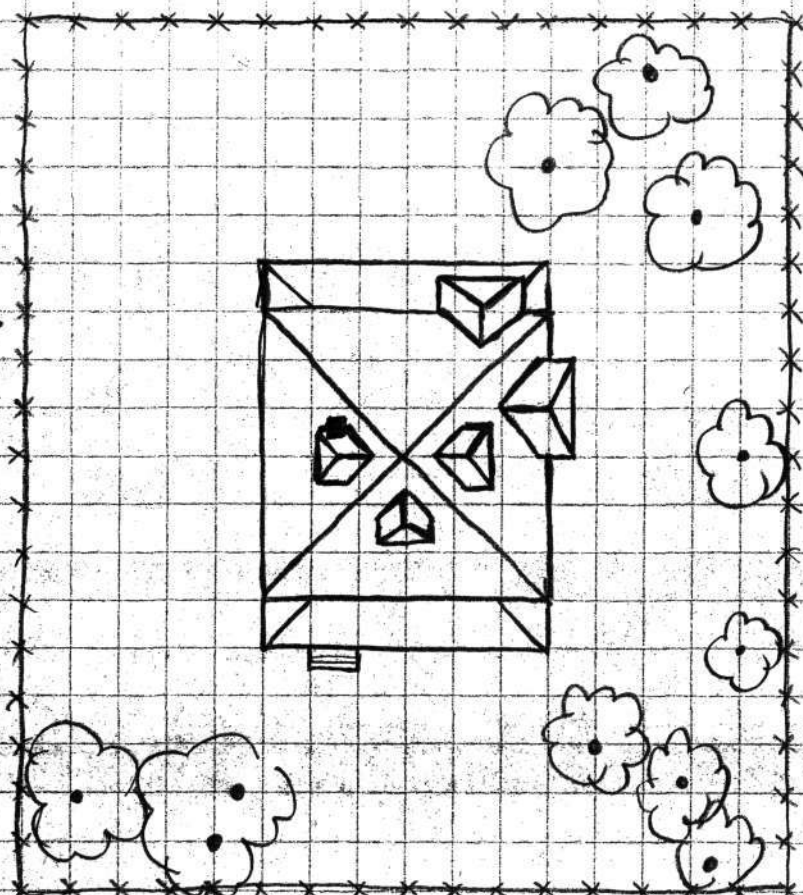


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Maryland Hwy. 4



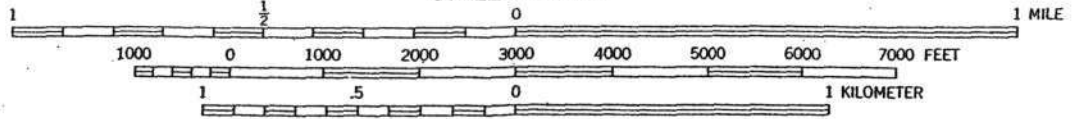
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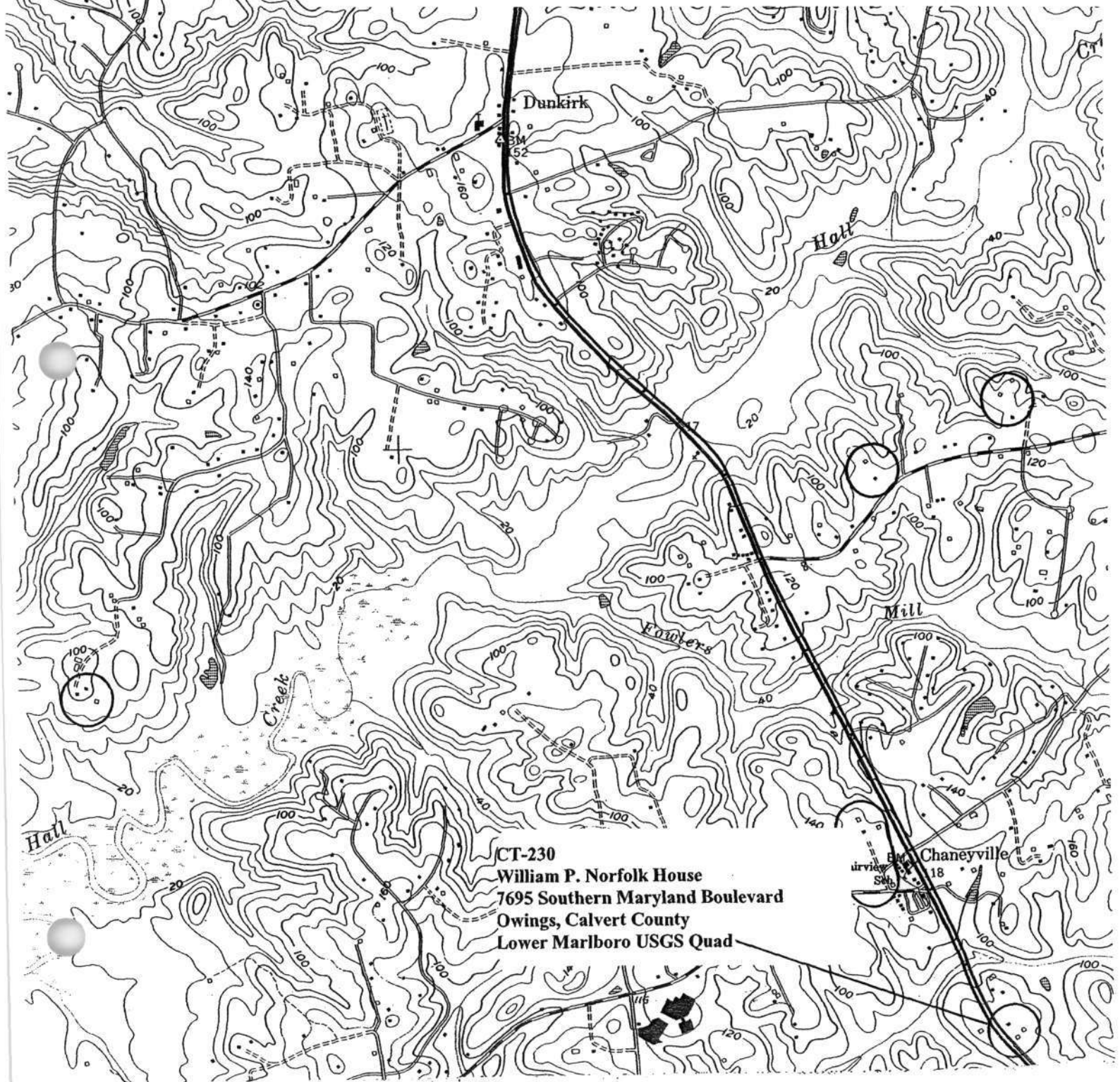
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THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER





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House, SW Elevation

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House, West corner

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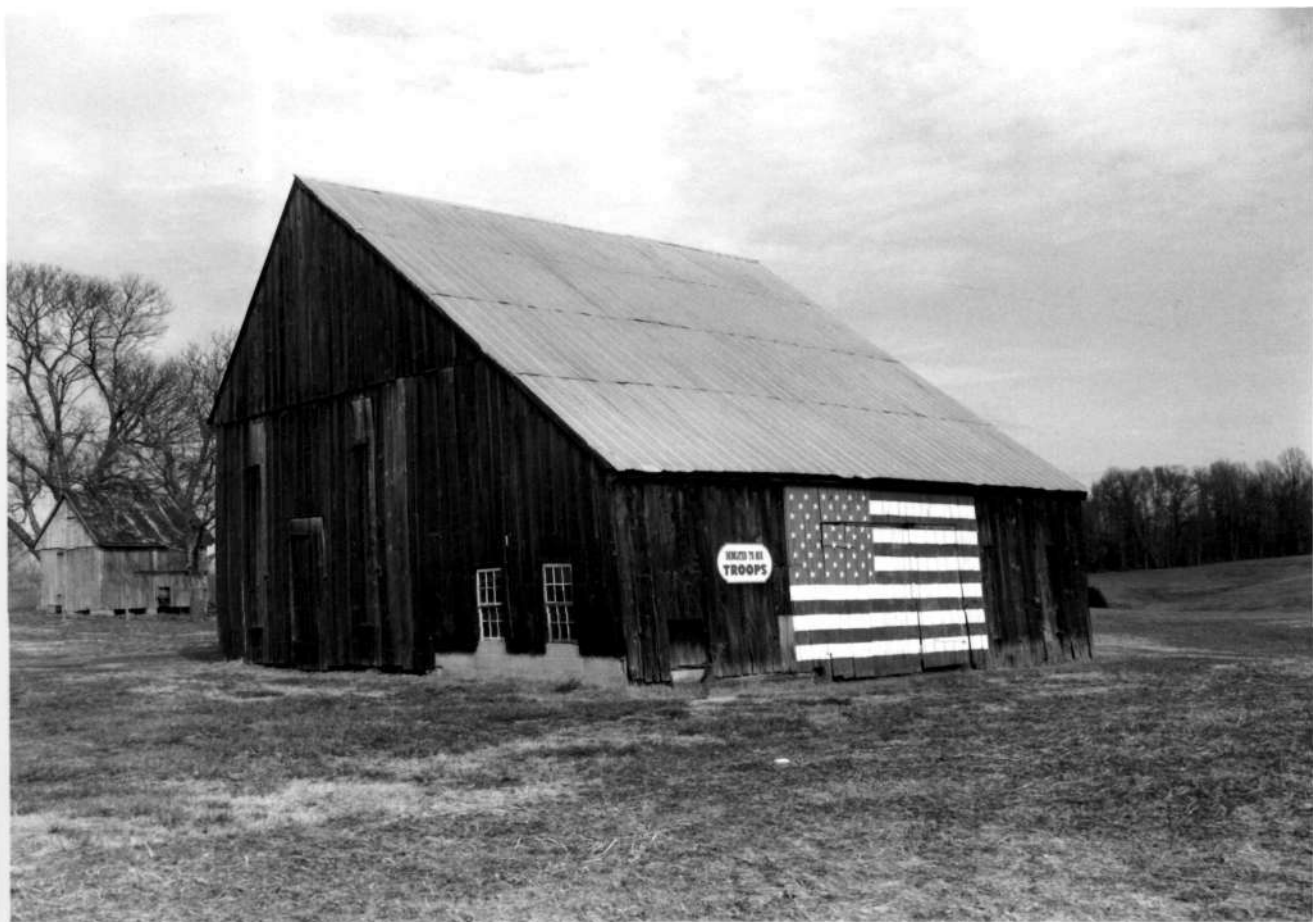
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